

**State of Utah**  
**Constitutional Debt Limit**  
**April 29, 2015**

As of April 29, 2015 the State of Utah has used 70% of its Constitutional Debt Limit borrowing authority.

House Bill 341 from the 2015 General Legislative Session requires the Division of Finance to publish the State's current constitutional debt limit on the Utah Public Finance Website.

For more information on how this was calculated please see the detailed information below that was taken from the 2015 Official Bond Statement for the \$220,980,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds. All of the references in the detail information below refer to the Official Bond Statement that can be viewed at this link: [2015 GO Refunding OS](#).

***Excerpt from the 2015 GO Refunding Bond Official Statement:***

**Constitutional Debt Limit.** Article XIV, Section 1 of the State Constitution limits the total general obligation indebtedness of the State to an amount equal to 1.5% of the value of the total taxable property of the State, as shown by the last assessment for State purposes previous to incurring such debt. The application of this constitutional debt limit and the additional debt incurring capacity of the State under the Constitution are estimated to be on April 29, 2015 as follows:

Constitutional Debt Limit			
Fair Market Value of Ad Valorem Taxable Property (1) .....	\$ 271,337,328,737		
Fees in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxable Property (2) .....	11,151,850,405		
Total Fair Market Value of Taxable Property (1) .....	\$ 282,489,179,142		
Constitutional Debt Limit (1.5%) .....	\$ 4,237,337,687	100%	
Less: Currently Outstanding General Obligation Debt (Net) (3) .....	(2,957,097,230)	70%	Used
Estimated Additional Constitutional Debt Incurring Capacity of the State (4)	\$ 1,280,240,457	30%	Remaining

(1) Based on 2013 taxable values. See "FINANCIAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE STATE OF UTAH — Property Tax Matters—Taxable Value Compared with Fair Market Value of All Taxable Property in the State" below.

(2) Based on 2013 "age based" values. For purposes of calculating debt incurring capacity only, the value of all motor vehicles and state-assessed commercial vehicles (which value is determined by dividing the uniform fee revenue by 1.5%) is added to the fair market value of the taxable property in the State.

(3) Includes unamortized original issue bond premium that was treated as principal for purposes of calculating the applicable constitutional and statutory debt limits.

(4) The State is further limited on its issuance of general obligation indebtedness by statute. See in this section "Statutory General Obligation Debt Limit".

The State uses outstanding general obligation bond debt to comply with the constitutional debt limit. For Fiscal Year 2014, the State has other long-term contract liabilities consisting of unused vacation and other vested leave for employees of \$99,975,000. These contract liabilities do not affect the State's compliance with the constitutional debt limit. (Sources: Division of Finance and the Fiscal Year 2014 CAFR).